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SUBJ: PRESENT STATUS LEON MORELLI, ET AL

REF: STATE 219396, MONTEVIDEO 3296, MONTEVIDEO 3297

1. AN EMBOFF MET WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF MORELLI
SEPTEMBER 7. SOURCE SAID MORELLI AND THE FOUR WERE
GRANTED PROVISIONAL LIBERTY. IN PRACTICE, AS IN
RECENT HEBER CASE (SEE HEBER-OLSON MEMCON OF MAY 30),
THEY ARE FREE BUT MUST REQUEST PERMISSION OF THE
AUTHORITIES PRIOR TO CHANGING NORMAL ROUTINE, SUCH
AS TAKING A TRIP.

2. SAME SOURCE, A LAWYER, OPINED THAT THE COURT
PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GROUNDS ON WHICH TO
PROSECUTE AT LEAST HORACIO TERRA IF IT SO DESIRED
SINCE HE COULD BE CHARGED WITH SPREADING SEDITIOUS
INFORMATION, I.E. THE CONTENT OF THE TAPE WHICH IN PART ACCUSED
AN URUGUAYAN OFFICIAL, LUIS VARGAS, OF FINGERING URUGUAYANS
TO BE KILLED BY THE ARGENTINES.

3. WITH RESPECT TO TREATMENT, NONE HAD BEEN MISTREATED ALTHOUGH
THEY CONSIDERED THEIR CONFINEMENT HARED IN THAT THEY HAD TO SLEEP
ON THE FLOOR AND HAD NO LIGHT AT NIGHT. SOURCE SAID MILITARY
JUDGE HAD BEEN UNDER INTENSE AND CONFLICTING PRESSURES.
ON THE ONE SIDE, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF QUIEROLO CALLED SEVERAL

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TIMES TO ASK WHY JUDGE HAD NOT RELEASED THE FIVE WHILE

ON THE OTHER SIDE PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY LUIS VARGAS (FORMERLY
SUB-SECRETARY OF INTERIOR) WAS CALLING TO INSIST THAT THEY NOT
BE RELEASED.
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